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William J. Boyle		

For	TECH CENTER 1600/2900
Osteoprotegerin Binding Proteins	

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- Applicant(s) request(s) the following extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a):
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- A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:
- is filed herewith.
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 - The response is the filing of a continuing prosecution application, the prior application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.
 - The accompanying papers include amended claims for which no additional fee is required.
 - The accompanying papers include amended claims the fee for which has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims remaining After amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number Previously paid for	(5) No. of Extra claims present	(6)	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	*	Minus	** =	0	X \$18	= \$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	*	Minus	*** =	0	X \$84	= 0.00
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Total Additional Fee for this Amendment						\$0.00

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 The following other fees are incurred by the accompanying papers. Other: _____
Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0519 in the name of Amgen Inc. in the amount of \$ 920.00. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by the accompanying papers, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0519.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2001 in which Claims 37-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

REMARKS

Examiner correction under 37 CFR 1.126

Applicant acknowledges that Claims 37-47 added in Paper No. 3 dated March 25, 1999 and Claims 48-58 added in Paper No. 8 were renumbered accordingly by the Examiner in view of Applicant's inadvertent omission of Claim 43. Claims 37-57 are currently under examination.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 37-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as the specification allegedly fails to enable the claimed composition wherein the recited OPGbp comprises variants. The Examiner argues that it would require undue experimentation to generate OPGbp variants to which the claimed antibody compositions would bind. Applicants disagree.

Various criteria for determining whether experimentation is undue is set forth in *In re Wands* 8 USPQ 2d 1400 (Fed. Cir. 1988). In view of the *Wands* factors, Applicant maintains that the teachings of the

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